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1. FOLLOWING ARE MISSION COMMENTS ON PC AGENDA ITEM 10
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2. AS NOTED BY FRG MISSION REF B, DOCUMENT APPEARS TO
PRESENT HODGE-PODGE OF ACTIVITIES MANY OF WHICH BEAR NO
CLEAR RELATION TO DROUGHT RELIEF. PARAS 26-30, FOR
EXAMPLE, COVER UNIDO ACTIVITIES IN DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR
ENERGY APPLICATIONS TO SAHEL REGION. LEAVING ASIDE
QUESTION OF UNIDO'S COMPETENCE IN AREA STILL LARGELY
SUBJECT TO FURTHER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, THIS SEEMS
CLEARLY TO BE LONG-RANGE PROJECT NOT RESPONSIVE TO
IMMEDIATE DROUGHT-RELIEF AND RECOVERY NEEDS. OTHER
PROJECTS SEEM TO HAVE LITTLE OR NO DIRECT RELATIONSHIP
TO DROUGHT RELIEF EFFORT: PARA 31, FOR INSTANCE, TREATS
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OF MAURITANIAN REQUEST FOR GENERAL STUDY ON

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT; PARA 34 PROPOSES DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS OF TRANSMIGRATION IN SOMALIA, PARA 35 PROPOSES STUDY OF PRODUCTION OF PULP AND PAPER IN SOMALIA FROM LOCAL RAW MATERIALS; PARAS 37 AND 38 DESCRIBE ASSISTANCE TO UPPER VOLTA FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL FEED PRODUCTION PLANT AND A DEMONSTRATION MILL FOR LOCAL CEREALS; WHILE PARAS 39 AND 40 TREAT OF A PLAN FOR ACCELERATED INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IN THE REGION.

3. IN SUM, DOCUMENT DESCRIBES WHAT SEEM TO BE IN MANY CASES STANDARD ON-GOING UNIDO ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION IN TERMS INTENDED TO MAKE THEM APPEAR TO BE IN RESPONSE TO DROUGHT RELIEF NEEDS. MISSION BELIEVES THAT U.S. DEL SHOULD BE PREPARED SPEAK ON THIS ITEM IN ATTEMPT DISCOVER WHY AND HOW UNIDO CHOSE THESE PARTICULAR PROJECTS IN NAME OF DROUGHT RELIEF.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND SOME OF THE ACTIVITY LISTED SUCH AS THAT AIMED AT HELPING MAKE THE BEST USE OF EXISTING AND POTENTIAL WATER RESOURCES IN THE REGION (PARAS 6-11), DOES APPEAR TO BE MORE CLOSELY RELATED. IN ANY CASE, WE ASSUME USDEL WILL HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE JUDGMENT OF THOSE WITH GRATER FAMILIARITY OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE AREA AND THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CILSS IN ASSESSING THE RELEVANCE AND LIKELY CONTRIBUTION OF UNIDO'S EFFORTS. WE NOTE THAT PARA 43 OF DOCUMENT MENTIONS US INTEREST IN THREE SPECIFIC UNIDO PROJECTS, CILLS/RAF 802, 807 AND 808. ASSUME POSITION PAPER WILL INDICATE BACKGROUND AND LEVEL OF US INTEREST IN THESE PROPOSED PROJECTS. ALSO, SINCE THERE MAY BE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SPEECH-MAKING ON THE AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE MADE AVAILABLE GENERALLY BY MEMBER COUNTRIES TO COUNTRIES IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION, WOULD BE USEFUL FOR USDEL TO BE PROVIDED WITH SIMILAR MATERIAL. STIBRAVY

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